IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 1-10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Now, consider the case of transmitting contents from the source device B 1 to the sink device A 4 and the sink device D 7. At this point, it is necessary to account for the copyright of the contents. As described above, a range for exchanging this contents should preferably be limited to a certain range, such as a range of a legitimate right such as a range of a personal use or a range narrower than that, for example, such that the contents cannot be ~~exchange~~ exchanged between others beyond that range.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 16 to page 6, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 35, the network address A of the sink device is registered into the source device in advance (step S21). At a time of the transmission/reception of the contents, the source device compares ~~the~~ its own network address with the network address of the sink device (steps S22, S23), and if they coincide, they are regarded as existing in the identical local area network (step S24) and the transmission of the contents is carried out. At this point, the TTL field of the packet destined to the sink device may be set equal to one (step S25). If they do not coincide, the contents transmission/reception processing is interrupted (step S26). Note that the comparison processing is carried out by the source device in this example, but the comparison processing may be carried out by the sink device instead.